

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A content management system for archiving content as electronic data and managing an original, comprising:

a management device for managing histories of a content registration processing and a content revision processing; and

a storage unit provided in said management device; and

a portable medium for containing the content, that is removably attached to the management device and has a media ID,

wherein the management device, on command register request from an external device, registers ~~and revises~~ the content on the portable medium and stores a processing history of said registration processing ~~or said revision processing~~ and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said storage unit; and on update request from said external device, stores revised content from said external device on the portable medium and stores a processing history of said revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said storage unit.

wherein the portable medium containing the content is removed from the management device while the processing history and the media ID remain in the management device; and

wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content, stores a result together with the content on the portable medium, issues said registration certification to said external device, determines a validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows access to the content of the portable medium.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The content management system according to claim 1, wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content, stores a result as content management information, issues said registration certification to said external device, determines a validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows the content processing history to be read.

4. (previously presented) The content management system according to claim 1, wherein the management device encrypts the content with an encryption key produced by random numbers in response to a content storage, encrypts the encryption key with the media ID, and stores the encrypted content and encrypted encryption key on the portable medium of the media ID.

5. (original) The content management system according to claim 1, wherein the management device creates and archives serial content managing information in response to registration and revision of the content.

6. (previously presented) The content management system according to claim 1, further comprising a copying medium for storing encrypted content on the portable medium, and wherein user is distributed an encryption key and copying medium.

7. (previously presented) The content management system according to claim 1, wherein the management device and an external device are connected via a network.

8. (currently amended) A content management system for archiving content as electronic data and managing an original, comprising :
a management device for managing histories of a content registration processing and a content revision processing;
a first storage unit provided in said management device; and
a second storage unit for saving the content, that has a media ID,
wherein the management device, on a request input of a registration and a revision on the content, registers and revises the content on the second storage unit and stores a processing history of said registration processing or a revision processing and the media ID for

the content in relation to each other into said first storage unit;

and on a request input of a revision on the content, stores revised content on the second storage unit and stores a processing history of said revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said first storage unit;

wherein the second storage unit containing the content is removed from the management device while the processing history and the media ID remain in the management device; and

wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content, stores a result together with the content on the portable medium, issues said registration certificate to said external device, determines a validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows access to the content of the portable medium.

9, 10, and 11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The content management system according to claim-10 8, wherein the management device determines a validity of the registration certification received from the external device, and allows that the external device reads the processing history of the content.

13. (previously presented) The content management system according to claim 8, wherein the management device encrypts the content in response to a content storage, encrypts an encryption key that encrypts the content with the media ID, and stores the encrypted content and encrypted encryption key on the second storage unit of the media ID.

14. (previously presented) The content management system according to claim 8, wherein the management device creates and archives serial content managing information in response to registration and revision of the content.

15. (currently amended) A content management apparatus for managing a content contents, comprising:

an internal storage unit; and

a management device for executing registration and revision processing of the content

on an external storage unit that has a media ID that is peculiar to a storage unit, and stores storing a processing history of said registration processing or a revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said internal storage unit, on a request input of a registration and a revision on the content, and storing a processing history of said revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said internal storage unit, on a request input of a revision on the content;

wherein the external storage unit containing the content is removed from the management device while the processing history and the media ID remain in the management device; and

wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content, stores a result together with the content on the portable medium, issues said registration certification to said external device, determines a validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows access to the content of the portable medium.

16. (currently amended) A content management method for managing contents, comprising the steps of:

executing registration and revision processing of the content on an external storage unit that has a media ID that is peculiar to a storage unit, on a request input of a registration and a revision on the content from and external device; and

storing a processing history of said registration processing or a revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into an internal storage unit, on said request input of said registration;

storing a processing history of said revision processing and the media ID for the content in relation to each other into said internal storage unit on said request input of said revision;

creating a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content;

storing a result together with the content on the portable medium;

issuing said registration certification to said external device;

determining a validity of the registration certificate from the external device; and

allowing access to the content of the portable medium,

wherein the external storage unit containing the content is removed from the management device while the processing history and the media ID remain in the management

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